RIKARA

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利休羅

NO MISTAKE THERE! HE'S CERTAINTLY DIRTY ENOUGH TO BE ONE!
Ha Ha Ha!
WELL, LOOK AT THIS! SEEMS A BEGGER HAS WANDERED INTO THE ROYAL GARDEN!
NO DOUBT, HE S SOME GOOD FOR NOTHING BASTARD-CHILD..
SAN! STOP!
WHERE ARE YOU MANNERS? YOU SHALL BOW BEFORE THE SON OF A LEGAL HEIR!
!
Thwap
GRRR...

AND THERE ARE PRISONERS FROM THE TRIBE!
Chatter
Chatter
LET'S GO!
RIGHT!
MAYBE HE'LL GIVE ME A WOMAN AS A PRESENT!
TAP
TAP
FATHER'S COME BACK FROM THE WAR!
TAKE A LOOK!
I'D BEEN PLANNING ON ONLY A LITTLE RABBIT HUNT BUT HERE I FIND I'VE LOST QUITE A NUMBER OF MY MEN
HMPH... YOU GAVE ME A HARDER TIME THAN I THOUGHT.
I am the King of the Han Chinese!
Why do you come to slaughter my people after we have lived in peace for so long?

WAR IS THE REASON I LIVE!
HA!
RAIDING YOUR PUNY LITTLE VILLAGE...
WAS A GREAT WAY TO KILL THE TIME BETWEEN BATTLES.
I'll put a curse on you! A curse for the brutality of a great king!
We, the people of the grass-lands—
will be reborn in the flame and burn your soul for all time!
FATHER,
PLEASE LET ME SAMPLE SOME OF THE TRIBE'S WOMEN...
THESE TWO HAVE GREAT BODIES...
HAHAHA — CAREFUL, THEY MIGHT HAVE A CURSE ON THEM TO ROT YOUR DICKS OFF
KILL THEM

O
IT'S A PITY, BUT ORDERS ARE ORDERS
DIE, YOU INSIGNIFICANT WORMS!
PSSH
KIN
GYAAAH!
AUGH!
SWEEP

dash
KFF

OH HO...
HOW COULD YOU HIDE SUCH A GORGEOUS FACE BEHIND A
HMPH. IT'D BE A SHAME TO SIMPLY KILL YOU.
COME WITH ME.
I'LL SHOW YOU THERE ARE WORSE THINGS THAN DEATH.

I was certain he looked right at me for an instant
Such beauty...
With a glint like a blade in his eyes.
MAYBE HE'LL LEAVE US SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH AFTERWARDS
DAMN, FATHER GETS WHATEVER HE WANTS!
!
With a glare like fire
It pierced right through me

Crash
HAHA ...
I'D HEARD TALE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTHLANDS WERE BAR-BARIANS.
LET'S SEE IF THAT'S TRUE IN YOUR CASE!
STOP!!
Do not touch me!
I'VE NEVER SEEN LOIN-CLOTHS LIKE THESE BEFORE.
Nngh!
.....!

HEY
Grabs
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?
IT'S A STRONG APHRODISIAC EXTRACTED FROM THE ROOTS OF PLANTS
JUST HOW INNOCENT IS THE LITTLE VIRGIN
WILL YOU SWING YOUR HIPS IN SEARCH OF A MAN ?
Ah...
N-no!
Stop!!
Not that
...!!
Slurp
Ah!
AHH!
AAH!!

AH!!
AAAAH!!
DASH!
.....
!!

SAN! WHAT DO I DO!?
Ha Ha
HE'LL KILL HIM! I KNOW IT!
Such a beautiful man...
Father's treating him so harshly!

Why!?
My heart hurts so much it feels like it's ripping me apart!

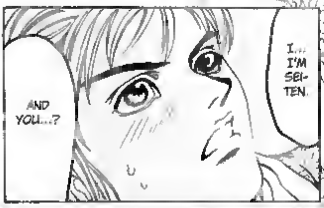
IF ONLY THERE WERE SOMETHING I COULD DO!
I WANT TO HELP HIM!
BUT...
OH, SAN! I'M HELP-LESS!

What on earth can I do?
Without authority or a family... what can I do?
HEY! HE WENT THAT WAY!
FIND HIM!
WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?
?
Haa
Haa
*Tsh, Tsh, Tsh, Tsh

.....!
Y-YOU ARE...
ER
I MEAN...
Haa
Haa

TMP TMP TMP
I MET YOU BEFORE...
UM...
*Ssh
!
THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN ESCAPE THE CASTLE!
TMP
TMP
HE RUN THIS WAY!
flump
THINK OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE DON'T FIND HIM.
.....
!

A PRIZE TO THE ONE WHO CATCHES HIM FIRST!
WE DON'T NEED TO FIND HIM TOGETHER!
IT'LL MAKE THINGS MORE FUN THIS WAY!
HAHAHAHA!
Please forgive me
I was in the middle of a game of tag with those stupid princes
OH!
Thump
Thump
Thump
GAME OF— TAG?
Yes.
I am their prey for this game
The one who catches me first gets to have their way with me


I... I'M SEI-TEN.
AND YOU...?

Ah!
He really is beauti-ful...
He's like an angel that's fallen from heaven

Rika ra
Shuu
I know you. You're the illegitimate prince of the king.

IT'S JUST THE USE-LESS BLOOD-SHED THAT I CAN'T STAND!
I'VE GOT A GOOD REASON FOR IT, TOO!

You look nothing like that monster.
!
You seem the most cowardly and timid of them.

One with as little pride for his own people as me, has no right to be called a man
Though I stood with sword in hand, I crushed the hopes of every woman and child
Your mother was brought over as a slaver once her country was destroyed
She was then raped and killed by the king
Yet you were not enraged by this
And chose peace unlike your father and brothers
A foolish prince
Your kind could never call themselves by my name.
But...

There's no way I'd survive if I ever disobeyed my father!
SNIFF
Besides I've been neglected all these years anyway!
Don't cry
I can't stand to see it.
Wooon
AND INSTEAD OF HURTING YOU AS MY SONS HAD PLANNED ON...
YOU CAPTURED HIM, YOU SAY? WELL YOU DID A FAIRLY POOR JOB OF IT!
I'LL REWARD YOU.
BRING HIM TO ME.

Oh no...
How could this happen!?
THIS MUST BE YOUR FIRST TIME WITHIN THIS ROOM.
COME IN
What's that smell...? The smell of insence is so strong!
MOM!
Pulls
COME!
WAIT! FATHER!
PLEASE... DON'T HURT HIM!
IF YOU MUST SCOLD HIM, THEN LET ME...!
HA HA HA!
"SCOLD" HIM?
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.
I DON'T PLAN ON HURTING HIM. ON THE CONTRARY, I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM FEEL VERY GOOD.

What does he mean by that?
What on earth is he going to do to Rikarat?
HERE.
Grabs
HOLD HIS LEG LIKE THIS
JUST SHUT UP AND HOLD HIM THERE
I'LL LET YOU HAVE YOUR FUN WITH HIM
Grabs
!!
FATHER, WHAT ARE YOU...?
WAIT!
THUMP

What...
What is this...?
Is this what...
Father's been doing to him all along?
OOH!
AH!
HAAA! AAH!
*Creak Creak Creak
STOP IT!
Stop it!
Fat-her!
Rikara's crying!

Father! You're a monster!
TMP
TMP
TMP
*Slam
.....
HMPH!
PERHAPS THE SMELL OF INCENSE MAKE HIM SICK.

I feel so dirty!
How many times had he done that to Rikaro!?
Cough Cough
UH...
UGH
EGH
Such an ugly and evil demon!
That's what he was when he was raping him!
Father is too powerful.
I could never oppose him
But...I cannot forgive him for what he's done!

I can not forgive him...
For dirtying Rikara's beautiful body like that!
I hate him!!
What is this anger I feel!?
HEY.
HOW DID THE DIRTY SLAVE TASTE, HM? YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHING...!
HOW DARE YOU MAKE A FOOL OUT OF US!
I will NOT forgive him!

NO MATTER
ONCE FATHER'S TIRED OF HIM, HE'LL SURELY GIVE HIM UP TO US
Ah Ha Ha Ha
BY THE WAY, DID YOU KNOW?
YOUR MOTHER WAS BOUND NAKED...
AND PLAYED A GAME OF TAG WITH TEN SOLDIERS WHEN SHE DIED
It feels like

HE STARTED A FIGHT WITH THE KING'S TRUE SONS!
WITHOUT ANYONE AROUND TO DEFEND HIM THOUGH, HIS LIFE COULD BE IN DANGER.
DOESN'T HE KNOW HIS PLACE!?
Whisper
Whisper
Whisper
It feels like there's something breaking free within me!
YOU MEAN PRINCE SEITEN ?
I SAY, DID YOU HEAR? THAT BASTARD-CHILD
Rikara!
My rage... my hatred...
It's enough to drive away my sanity
Rikara...!
And my LOVE...!

GRR
NOW COME INSIDE
WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET.
I GOT IT?
DO IT NOW!
B-BUT... ARE YOU NOT BROTHERS?
ENOUGH OF THAT! JUST DO IT!" HE'S THE SON OF A SLAVE!
IF YOU DO NOT, WE WILL SLAUGHTER YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY!
H-HOW COULD YOU!?
My body's on fire with the flame of jealousy
It tortures me day and night!

A FILTHY SON OF A SLAVE WHO DARES RAISE HIS FIST AGAINST ROYALTY MUST PAY THE PRICE!!
SA…
SAN——!!

Gasping, Lyanna
DON'T DIE!
SAN!
RUSTLE
IF YOU DIE...
I'LL BE ALL ALONE!
RIKARA
...!
There must have been some poison on the arrow for him to suffer so
You can't save him
I smuggled my sword out of the king's room
I'll lend it to you

...!
End your friend's suffering...!
Do it, Subaru.
tremble
SAN...!
KEEP STILL, BOY...

brush
SWISH
FIVE FIVE YEARS AGO
I FOUND YOU HERE!
Haa
Haa
A WHITE PUPPY, AS WHITE AS THE FLOWERS AROUND HIM.
HE WAS ALONE, JUST AS I WAS.
AND SINCE THAT TIME WE'D ALWAYS — ALWAYS BEEN TOGETHER!
FOOL!
It's alright to cry at a time like this...

RIKARA!
I VOWED NEVER TO CRY
SO THAT I COULD SLEEP
EVEN AFTER SAN LEFT ME.
AND NOW...
Slurp
Do you plan on fighting your father and brothers?
I SHALL FREE YOU FROM MY FATHER'S GRASP!
YES! AND I CARE NOT IF I DIE!
I WILL ONLY GROW STRONGER!
SO THAT I WILL NEVER HAVE TO SPREAD THESE PRECIOUS FLOWER PETALS AGAIN...

RIKARA! I LOVE YOU!
Flutter
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
EVEN THOUGH I COULD TAKE SAVE YOU FROM MY FATHER AND BROTHERS ...
I WILL GIVE YOU MY SECRET FLOWER, ALONE.
So that you will know...
I will give you the pleasure, as you could never find on earth.

I'll teach you everything
This is your first time, isn't it?
Relax...
AH.....
AHH.....
RI.....
RIKA-RA!
AH!
MMPH.....
Yes, do the same as I am doing
You know what feels good, don't you?

It'll feel better the longer you go on.
Hang on just a little longer!
STROKE
Ah...
N-hot yet!
AAH! YES!
VERY GOOD
ROZL
Ah...
slip
RIKARA!
...Se... Seiten!

Haa...
Aah!
Seiten... that's enough!
*Gasp
I'll make you forget...
all your fears and sorrows...
AH……
AAAAAAAH!!
Mmph……
AH……!
KARARI……!

HAA..
HAA..
He can't be from this world
Such a subtle beauty Rikara
For he is...
risen above the mire, clean of mud, as pure as a white lotus
I cannot allow father to dirty him any more!

flop
Sei-
ten!!
aaH
~~!!
I WILL GIVE
YOU MY LIFE.
RIKARA

Ah Ha Ha Ha Ha!
ONLY A FOOL WOULD CRY OVER THE DEATH OF A MEASLY DOG!
DID YOU SEE THAT PATHETIC LOOK ON SEITEN'S FACE?
I am no longer afraid.
I swear I will protect our honor
BUT IS THERE REALLY A MAN LIP FOR THE JOB?
I CUT OFF HIS FINGERS AND HAD HIS ENTIRE FAMILY KILLED!
EVEN THE EXPERT BOWMAN YESTERDAY WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE!
STILL, IT'S A PITY WE WERE UNABLE TO KILL HIM OFF, INSTEAD.
Bwa Ha Ha Ha!
I'M SURE YOU CAN FIND PLENTY OF REPLACEMENTS!
DON'T WORRY. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF CHANCES AFTER THIS
THE KID'S ALONE, SO JUST ASK ANOTHER SOLDIER TOMORROW.

CLACK
WHO'S THERE!?
THIS ROOM IS ONLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY!
I was drawn in by your beautiful laughter
Might I serve as some form of entertainment?
Am I intruding?
OH! WHY, YOU'RE--!
BY ALL MEANS, PLEASE COME IN!
WE'VE BEEN MEANING TO TALK WITH YOU!

COME RIGHT IN!
YOU MUST BE TIRED OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH OUR OLD FATHER EVERY NIGHT, HM?
THE THREE OF US WILL MAKE SURE YOU ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT.
COME THIS WAY...
I'm not afraid anymore!!

With my hands
I'll win back my and Rikara's life!
MM
GET OUT OF HERE AT ONCE YOU DOG!!
YOU'LL SPOIL THE WINE!
WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT HAVE YOU COME TO THE THRONE ROOM FOR?
*sheeen

DASH
WHA—!
SPLASH

TOPPLE
AHHHH!
THUD
WHAT JUST... AH!
WHAT...

W. TS. RASS

SFX: THUMP THUMP

THROW DOWN YOUR SWORDS AND KNEEL BEFORE YOUR NEW RULER!!
FROM NOW ON, I AM THE KING!
MEEL'S
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER

COME HERE.
RIKARA.

I won't kneel down...
to a lover...
IF YOU PLAN ON SPREADING YOUR THIGHS FOR ME...
THEN SAVE IT FOR LATER, WHERE WE WON'T HAVE AS MUCH OF AN AUDIENCE OKAY?
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Kougoku ni Saku Hana

Chengdu, China
In the heart of the capital, there exist the advocates of justice, namely, the local courthouse and prison
This is where I work.

SON, SERVANT OF THE KOU FAMILY, LUSTED AFTER HIS MASTER'S DAUGHTER WITH DEPRAVED INTENTIONS.
YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR PLACE. YOU SHOWED A LACK OF ALLEGIANCE TO YOUR MASTER WITH YOUR VILE CONDUCT.
YOU BROKE INTO HER BEDROOM AND FORCED YOURSELF ON HER.
YOU'VE DISHONORED THE FAMILY'S NAME AND LEFT A PERMANENT SCAR ON THE DAUGHTER FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE
AS THERE IS NEITHER ROOM FOR DOUBT,
TO METE OUT THE SEVERE PUNISHMENT YOU DESERVE.
NOR ANY MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COURT WON'T HESITATE...
THE COURT HEREBY SENTENCES YOU TO 20 YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT AND 300 STROKES OF THE CANE

HEY, DID YOU HEAR THE COURT'S DECISION?
SLAM
COURT ADJOURNS!
IT'S JUST LIKE LORD HAKUTO TO PASS SUCH A HARSH PUNISHMENT
clack
AH...!
SHH...
THAT SON GUY DID IT BECAUSE HE LOVED HER, AND ENDS UP GETTING IMPRISONED TILL HIS HAIR TURNS GREY
POOR FELLOW, I PITY HIM
WASN'T HE AN HONEST AND HARD-WORKING GUY?
clack
clack
clack

HE ISN'T SOCIABLE ANYWAY.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SMILE BEFORE.
HE WOULDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO GREET LOW-RANKING SOLDIERS LIKE US.
I WONDER IF HE HEARD THAT...
DON'T WORRY HE'S ALWAYS ENGROSSED IN READING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS
HAKUTO!
AH, LORD SEIJOU
EVEN IF.. HE HAS A PRETTY FACE,
I CAN'T STAND HIM.
Aha ha ha ha ha
STOP THAT, HE MIGHT JUST SEND YOU TO PRISON FOR IT

THE MAN FORCEFULLY VIOLATED THE MASTER'S DAUGHTER.
MOREOVER, HE SMOTHERED HER WHILE HE DID IT OVER AND OVER..
ONLY A VULGAR, LOW-RANKING PERSON WOULD CONSIDER SUCH AN ACT
I GLANCED OVER THE REPORT.
THAT WAS QUITE A HARSH JUDGEMENT, WASN'T IT?
HARSH? IS THAT SO?
CRIMINAL CONDUCT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH SEVERELY.
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU TAUGHT ME WHEN I WAS STILL A NOVICE AT THIS?
I'VE BEEN HEEDING THOSE WORDS FAITH-FULLY
DO YOU REMEMBER ?
OF COURSE.

I HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF YOU TOO.
KEEP IT UP.
I RESPECT AND ADMIRE YOU..
BOTH AS JUDGE AND A PERSON.
Y... YES,
THANK YOU
WELL THEN, EXCUSE ME
I WILL SEE YOU TOMORROW.
LORD SEIJOU...
ON ANYTHING RELATED TO YOU, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN...

LORD SEIJOU!
OH, LADY KOUHI
ARE YOU HERE TO MEET WITH THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE?
NO, I SEE FATHER AT HOME ALL THE TIME. I CAME TO SEE YOU.
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO MY HOUSE LATELY.
I FELT I MAY BE A BOTHER IF I GO THERE TOO OFTEN.
MY PARENTS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT.
YOU'RE THEIR FAVORITE, YOU KNOW.
"LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE FOUND YOURSELF A FITTING [redacted]," THEY SAID.

I DIDN'T KNOW
LORD SEIJOU AND THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S DAUGHTER !?
MOREOVER, SHE'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL ARISTO-CRAT
THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO HOPE FOR.
I DIDN'T INTEND TO TELL HIM HOW I FEEL ANYWAY
A BEWITCHING BEAUTY LIKE HER,
EXUDES FEMININE CHARM
HOWEVER
LORD SEIJOU IS PROBABLY CAPTIVATED BY HER.

I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE JEALOUS
EVEN IF I WAS A GIRL I WOULDN'T BE WELL-SUITED TO BE HIS LOVER
SLAM
I DON'T WANT ANY-ONE TO SEE MY TEAR-STREAKED FACE...
I'VE GOT TO GO TO A PLACE WHERE NO ONE'S AROUND.
AH!

ANY-WHERE ... IS FINE. NO ONE WOULD ENTER THIS PLACE ANYWAY...
IS THIS... THE DUN-GEON?
COULD IT BE THE OLD EXECU-TION GROUND?
THERE ARE INSTRU-MENTS OF TORTURE HERE...
rustle
DRIP
LORD SEIJOU ...

I THOUGHT I'D BE SATISFIED ...
JUST BEING ABLE TO SEE YOUR FACE.
SNEAK
GRAB

UWAAA
shock
KYAN
WH... WHAT ...
WHO IS IT...
UNHAND ME...
SOMEONE IS ACTUALLY HERE IN THIS OLD DUNGEON?
BUT THERE WAS NEITHER SOUND NOR SIGN
SOME-ONE...! COME QUICK!!
yank
yank
yank
I'M GOING TO BE KILLED
BY THIS CON-VICT!
S.. SAVE ME...
YOU'RE NOT BEING QUIET
BUT EVEN IF YOU START SCREAMING, THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE WON'T BE ABLE TO HEAR YOU

MY NAME IS DOUKOKU DON'T WORRY, I'VE NEVER COMMITTED MURDER.
WHO... WHO ARE YOU...!?
BUT IF YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL,
I'D TAKE YOU NO MATTER IF YOU WERE A MAN OR A WOMAN

HE SEEMS TO BE THE ONE YOU'RE THINKING OF.
THE ONE WHO SENT ME HERE WAS SEIJOU.

A... A SERIAL RAPIST!?
I WAS THROWN IN HERE FOR SLEEPING WITH THE WIFE OF A HIGH OFFICIAL AND A NOBLEMAN'S DAUGHTER.
I'M A GOOD MAN, COME OVER HERE.

YOU... YOU'RE WRONG.
I...
IT'S NOT SURPRISING,
SEIJOU IS A REAL LADY-KILLER, ISN'T HE?
AND HE'S ALSO SMART AND PASSIONATE.
ARE YOU A JUDGE AS WELL?
YOU HAVE PALE HANDS.
IF YOUR HAND STROKED ME LIKE THIS, I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT.
I'VE HAD A DRY SPELL FOR THREE MONTHS.
STOP IT!
THAT'S DISGUSTING!
I WANT TO DIRTY YOU.

WHO ASKED YOU TO?
slip
WHO WOULD WANT TO DO THAT. .?
slide
...IF IT WAS SEIJOU
WOULDN'T YOU DO IT.
WASN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT DONE TO YOU?
THIS KIND OF THING.
AH...
SHUDDER
STOP...!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...!!

THE ROBE OF A JUDGE DOESN'T SUIT YOU.
YOUR BODY IS VERY SENSITIVE
OOH
STOP !!
AH ...
tie
STO... STOP!
STOP THAT!
clatter
SWISH

I CAN ALWAYS TELL...
LORD SEIJOU
I'LL ALSO TELL HIM...
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN...
GET AWAY WITH THIS!?

AND HOW TIGHT AND FIRM YOU ARE...
OVER THERE..
AH!!

WHERE YOUR MOST SENSITIVE SPOTS ARE...
tvieak
WHAT KIND OF SOUNDS YOU MAKE...

NO... DON'T TELL ANY-ONE...
ABOUT THIS, OR THAT I CRIED OVER LORD SEIJOU!
DON'T TELL ANYONE ... PLEASE.
I'LL ALSO...
TELL THE GUARDS WHO BRING MY DAILY MEALS.
AH!?
THOSE GUYS?
UH...
AH...
I WONDER ...
IF THE SERVANT OF THE KOU FAMILY
ALSO THREATENED THEIR DAUGHTER THIS WAY
AH...
AHH!
UNFORGIVABLE!!
OKAY,
COME AGAIN TOMOR-ROW,
AND I WON'T TELL ANYONE

JERK
HAA...
AH...
ST... STO...
SLIP
AH!
D... DON'T...
S... STOP ...!!

AH...
PUSH
AHHHHH...

NNGH... NNGH...
HAA... HAA...

STRETCH
shudder
IT.. IT HURTS!
AHH
OOH.. YOU'RE TIGHT OVER HERE, NOT LIKE A PROSTITUTE AT ALL
YOU LOOK LIKE..
YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS MORE THAN YOU CARE TO ADMIT.
HAA...
HAA...
push
push
JERK
AH...
AAAH!
AH!
Aaaaaahhhh!!!

WHAT IS YOUR NAME, JUDGE?
HAKUTO
...
YOU HAVE A GREAT BODY...
BETRAYED BY MY OWN BODY
THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I EXPERIENCED THIS
*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE "HAKUTO" MEANS WHITE RABBIT"
YOUR RED EYES LOOK LIKE THOSE OF A WHITE RABBIT'S*
IT SUITS YOUR NAME VERY WELL
WHAT'S THIS? YOU'RE CRYING AGAIN?

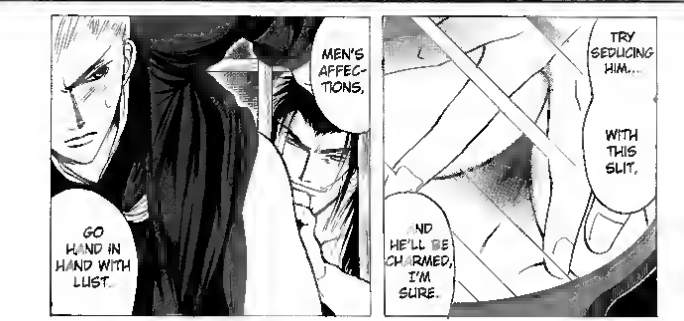
I'VE HEARD RUMORS OF THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S DAUGHTER
AND SEIJOU FROM THOSE CHATTY GUARDS.
WAS THAT WHAT YOU WERE CRYING OVER JUST NOW?
YOU'RE LIKE A GLISTENING JEWEL WHICH SHINES WHEN POLISHED.
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO, YOU CAN BE THE FINEST JEWEL THERE IS.
IF THEY'D SEEN WHAT I SAW JUST NOW THERE WOULDN'T BE A MAN OR WOMAN
IN THE CAPITAL WHO WOULDN'T BE CRAZY FOR YOU
I'LL TRAIN YOU TO BE THE CAPITAL'S
TOP RIVAL FOR A MAN'S AFFECTION
AND YOU CAN CLAIM THE MAN YOU LOVE
FROM KOUHI.

SPLASH
AFTER THAT...
I DON'T REMEMBER HOW I RETURNED HOME...
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I WASH MYSELF
I CAN'T RID MYSELF OF THAT MAN'S SCENT
SOMETHING
PERMEATING THROUGHOUT MY ENTIRE BODY
MUST I GO TO HIM TOMORROW?
Sigh

"YOU'RE LIKE A GLISTENING JEWEL WHICH SHINES WHEN POLISHED."
WHAT NON-SENSE!
JUST THE RAMBLINGS OF A CRIMINAL.
YOU SHOULD SPEND SOME TIME LOOKING IN THE MIRROR INSTEAD OF LOOKING AT OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.
HMPH!
NON-SENSE
I WONDER, HOW MANY TIMES DOES KOUHI ACTUALLY LOOK IN THE MIRROR EACH DAY?
NATU-RALLY, IF YOU 'RE BEAUTIFUL,
YOU'D PROBABLY WANT TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR ALL DAY LONG.
HMM, MIRROR, MIRROR...
OH YES, WHERE IS MOTHER'S MIRROR?

AS YOU CAN TELL FROM HERE,
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR FACE HASN'T CHANGED SINCE BIRTH.
THAT HOSTILE FACE.
LOOK!
GREAK
AND MOVE CLOSER
WELL THEN, TURN YOUR BACK TO ME...
AS I EXPECTED, HE INTENDS TO DO THAT AGAIN TODAY...
HE'S JUST PLAYING AROUND WITH ME.

MEN ARE LIKE BUTTER-FLIES ATTRACTED TO FLO-WERS
THEY'RE NOT JUST ATTRACTED BY EXTERNAL BEAUTY.
THEY'RE DRAWN TOWARDS THE SENSUOUS SCENT THE FLOWER EXUDES.
NOT YOUR BRAINS.
USE THIS SPOT,
YOU WANT TO CAPTURE SEIJOU'S HEART,
IF...
SLIP


MEN'S AFFEC-TIONS,
GO HAND IN HAND WITH LUST.
TRY SEDUCING HIM...
WITH THIS SLIT,
ND HE'LL BE CHARMED, I'M SURE.

IT'S BEAUTIFUL
SO UNBEARABLE!
AH...
HAKUTO
THRUST
AH... AH...!!
IF SEIJOU WERE TO SEE THIS,
IT WOULD MAKE HIM WANT TO THRUST DEEPLY INTO IT
push
AH!
LORD SEIJOU
AAH!
tremble
INSIDE OF ME..!?
LOOK!
THAT EXPRESSION ...!

WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU, YOUR TEAR-STREAKED FACE REALLY GOT TO ME
I WAS RATHER ENVIOUS OF SEIJOU
Gwaph
YOU ARE TRULY BEAUTIFUL, HAKUTO...!
IF YOU WEAR AN EXPRESSION LIKE THAT ON YOUR FACE, MEN WILL GO CRAZY OVER YOU.
YOU'RE SUCH A SMOOTH-TALKER.
YOU LOOK YOUR BEST WHEN YOU SMILE,
HAKUTO...
SURELY HE'S NOT A BAD PERSON AT HEART
NO, MAYBE NO MAN IS BORN BAD.

THAT SERVANT OF THE KOU FAMILY TOO
IN THE COURSE OF BEING TOUCHED BY HIM OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
I GRADUALLY STOPPED BEING REPULSED BY IT
LOOK.
AM I BECOMING USED TO IT?
AM I BEING SWEPT AWAY BY THIS PLEASURE?
squeeze
AH...
AH!
ONE MORE FINGER IS ENTERING
MY BODY SEEMS TO...
RESPOND READILY TO DOUKOKU'S TOUCH
AMAZING ....
IT FEELS LIKE IT'S ON THE VERGE OF TEARING APART...

IN THAT CASE, THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH
YOU'RE READY FOR ANY MAN
HOWEVER,
DOUKOKU WOULDN'T DO ANY-THING BEYOND THIS
ALL THOUGHTS OF LORD SEIJOU
YET ASKING WHY
AH ...!
E..ENOUGH ..
WOULD SOUND LIKE I'M WISHING FOR MORE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "ENOUGH" ?
AL-THOUGH I MAY HAVE ENTERED YOU MANY TIMES
I'VE ONLY USED MY FINGERS
HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY ERASED FROM MY MIND

ARE YOU LEAVING AL-READY?
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
DO I WANT TO BE...
TAKEN BY THIS MAN?
HEY, HAKUTO,

DON'T SAY THAT!!
ALL RIGHT! I GET IT!
FOR A CRIMINAL LIKE ME, IT'S ENOUGH JUST TO BE ABLE TO TOUCH LORD HAKUTO'S BODY!

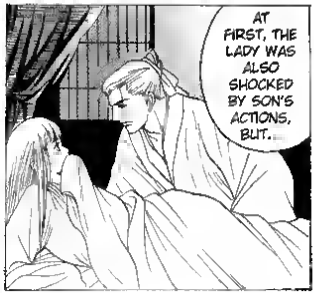
FIRST, I'M HERE ONLY BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
DON'T YOU WANT TO BE SERVICED BY ME?

NO.. IF I GET OUT OF HERE,
I PLAN TO GIVE YOU A PROPER LESSON ON ALL THE POSSIBLE SEXUAL POSITIONS IN A NICE AND CLEAN BEDROOM.
ASK HIM TO GET ME OUT OF HERE QUICK, WON'T YOU?
HEY, ARE YOU MEETING SEIJOU?
IF I LET YOU OUT OF HERE, YOU'LL RETURN TO YOUR OLD WAYS.
WHO'D BE THE NEXT VICTIM AFTER ME?
... LOOKS LIKE I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
AND I'LL LIE WITH YOUR NAKED BODY IN MY ARMS TILL DAWN
FOR THE TIME BEING,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING, JUST STAY HERE FOR A WHILE LONGER.
ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER ...

THERE'S A LADY WHO STANDS AT THE GATE OF THE COURTHOUSE EVERY DAY
ISN'T SHE THE DAUGHTER OF THE KOU FAMILY?
IT WAS HER FATHER WHO CHARGED SON WITH THE CRIME
SO I WONDER IF THOSE TWO ARE ACTUALLY IN LOVE?
SON IS REFUSING HIS MEALS IT'S LIKE TORTURING YOUR OWN BODY, ISN'T IT?
I ALSO FELT THAT SOMETHING WASN'T QUITE RIGHT WITH THE KOU FAMILY'S CASE.

I'VE HEARD OF CASES WHERE TWO PEOPLE... DEVELOP FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER AFTER SHARING A NIGHT OF PASSION.


AT FIRST, THE LADY WAS ALSO SHOCKED BY SON'S ACTIONS, BUT...

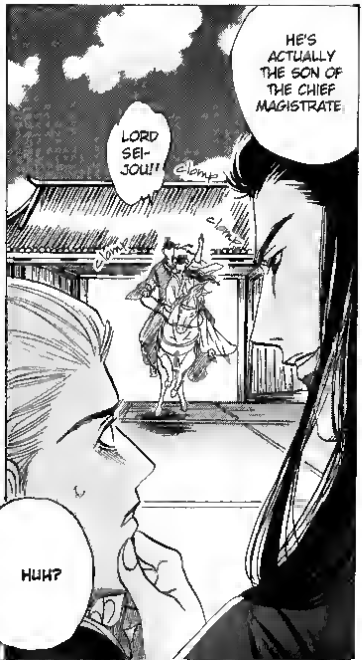
EH...
IF POSSIBLE, I WANT TO ABSOLVE SON OF THE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM...
WELL, I'LL TRY TO PERSUADE HIM IN AN INDIRECT MANNER.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. THAT MAN IS TOO UPTIGHT.
AHA HA
WELL, EVEN IF HAKUTO IS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND SUCH FEELINGS...
LORD HAKUTO, JUST THE PERSON WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE!

I NEVER REALIZED...
HE WAS SO ATTRACTIVE...
WHAT A RELIEF...
I WONDER WHO BROUGHT ABOUT SUCH A CHANGE IN YOU?
YOU SEEM TO HAVE BECOME MORE ATTRACTIVE LATELY.
REALLY...!
IF HE'D SAID SUCH A THING TO ME ONE MONTH AGO, I
I DIDN'T NEED TO INTERVENE SINCE YOU'VE ALREADY RELEASED THE MAN.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE BETTER ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS NOW.

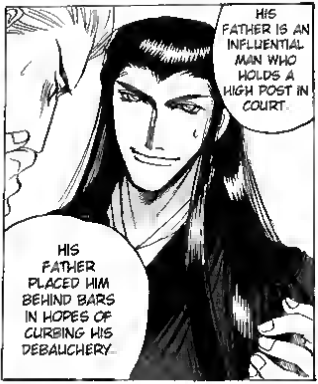
ABOUT THE PRISONER IN THE DUNGEON AT THE BACK OF THE EAST BUILDING...
ER.. LORD SEIJOU
THE GUARDS HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT
"LORD HAKUTO EXUDES SENSUOUS CHARM WHICH ATTRACTS MEN," THEY SAID
Hahaha
YEARNING FOR DOUKOKU
MY HEART IS NOW...
OH! HOW IS IT THAT YOU KNOW OF DOU-KOKU?
HE WAS RE-LEASED THIS MORN-ING
HE DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING?
RELEASED?
YOU MEAN HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON?
HOW COULD IT BE...!
HE SIMPLY LEFT WITHOUT A WORD!

HE'S REALLY GONE, JUST LIKE THAT.
HE DIDN'T EVEN BID ME FAREWELL.

HA-KUTO?
WHAT'S WRONG?


HE'S ACTUALLY THE SON OF THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE.
LORD SEI-JOU!!
clang
clang
clang
HUH?

WAS HE JUST USING ME TO KILL TIME IN PRISON?


HIS FATHER IS AN INFLUENTIAL MAN WHO HOLDS A HIGH POST IN COURT.
HIS FATHER PLACED HIM BEHIND BARS IN HOPES OF CURBING HIS DEBAUCHERY.

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: "ONI" MEANS "OLDER BROTHER"

LET'S STAY TOGETHER FROM DUSK TILL DAWN.
DOUKOKU...!
SHEEP
Since when?
LO-VERS ?

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未練
Miren

SFX: downpour
WHILE IN THE MIDST OF A CAMPAIGN WE RECEIVED BAD NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL.
THE CASTLE WHERE OUR LORD LORD HIKI CURRENTLY RESIDES IS UNDER ATTACK.
WE'LL REACH THE CAPITAL AS SOON AS WE CROSS THIS BORDER.
MOVE FASTER!!
HURRY!! HURRY!!
SFX: gallop gallop gallop

GENERAL RIKARA! THE RAIN IS MAKING THE ROAD VERY SLIPPERY.
SLIPPE
SHALL WE MAKE A DETOUR THROUGH THE GAP IN THE WEST?
I'M WORRIED ABOUT LORD HIKI NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
PLEASE STAY SAFE UNTIL I RETURN VICTORIOUS
!!
SLIP
EVEN AS WE SPEAK, LORD HIKI..
NO!! WE'LL KEEP MOVING FORWARD LIKE THIS.

SPLASH
Lord Hiki.
General Rikara!!

SURELY HE'S WAITING FOR MY RETURN
I MUST HURRY I MUST RETURN TO HIS SIDE
GURGLE
LORD HIKI...

Lord Hiki...!!

BANG
LORD HIKI!

THIS IS RIKARA, THE ONLY SON OF THE CHIEF OF THE GESSHI TRIBE
SINCE HE'S OF THE SAME AGE, I BELIEVE HE'D MAKE A GOOD CONVERSATION PARTNER
PULL
WHAT IS IT!?
FUUH, SO THE ELDERS OF THE GESSHI TRIBE HAVE SENT A HOSTAGE OVER?
BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY. I WOULDN'T INVADE A TRIBE WHICH ONLY OCCUPIES A SMALL PIECE OF LAND IN THE FRONTIER
BDMP

BANG
HAHAHA...! YOU DIDN'T EVEN DODGE! YOU'VE NERVES OF STEEL INDEED.
I LIKE YOU, RIKARA.
I SHALL KEEP YOU BY MY SIDE!
I WAS UNABLE TO MOVE AWAY...

THE INTENSITY OF YOUR EYES PIERCED MY HEART
I WAS FROZEN IN PLACE.
SINCE THEN,
... LORD ...!
ONLY YOU...
LORD HIKI ...!!
Lord Hiki ...!!
SFX: Startle
WHAT IS IT,
RIKARA?

YOU LOOK SO CUTE WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING!!
YOU MAY REST A WHILE LONGER IF YOU WISH!
!!
COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE EXACTLY IS THIS PLACE ...?
I...
Huh!?
SCOOT
WH... WH... WHAT ...!?
LORD HIKI, WHY ARE YOU HERE!?

I PULLED YOU OUT MYSELF,
TOOK CARE OF YOU AND WARMED YOU UP.
...!
LEAN
WE'RE IN A MANSION NEAR THE BORDER.
YOU COLLAPSED IN THE NEARBY RIVERBANK
I SET OUT TO SAVE YOU, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I WAS THE ONE RESCUED INSTEAD
THE WHOLE TIME YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS,
SMILE
YOU KEPT CALLING MY NAME OUT AND HUGGING ME. REALLY, YOU JUST COULDN'T DO WITHOUT ME!!
BLUSH
LOOKS LIKE HE'S STILL AS SHARP-TONGUED AS EVER...!!
OF COURSE! I HAVEN'T FALLEN TO SUCH A STATE AS TO REQUIRE HELP FROM YOU.

ACTUALLY, RIKAIRA...
BOTH THE CITY AND THE CAPITAL HAVE FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY
I ESCAPED TO THIS PLACE BY MYSELF
BY YOURSELF ? LORD HIKI, YOU'RE ALONE? WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER MINISTERS
ALL OF THEM ABANDONED ME AND RAN AWAY
WE WERE ACTUALLY ABLE TO WIN, BUT ...
AFTER MY FATHER DIED, I INTENDED TO WORK HARD, BUT
EVERYONE MUST'VE THOUGHT THAT A YOUNG LORD CAN'T BE DEPENDED UPON...

THEY'RE ALL FOOLS.
LORD HIKI IS A STRONGER LORD THAN ANYONE ELSE...!! A PITY THAT ...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO PUT SUCH STRONG FAITH IN ME...
A FOOL WHO DOESN'T EVEN DODGE AN ON-COMING ARROW.
EVERYONE DESPERATELY TRIED TO ESCAPE
BUT ONLY YOU CAME TO MY SIDE
NA... NATURALLY!!
YOU RUSHED TO THE CITY,
BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME, WEREN'T YOU?
BE... BECAUSE I'M YOUR SUBORDINATE...!!

THERE'S NOBODY I CAN RELY ON OR ANY PLACE I CAN GO TO.
I'VE LOST EVERYTHING AND I'M NOTHING MORE THAN A BEGGAR NOW.
HUH?
CLINK
OUR RELATIONSHIP IS NO LONGER THAT OF A LORD OR MINISTER.
I'LL GO AND GATHER MY TROOPS HERE!!
I'LL BE BACK SOON, SO .
I... NO!
...!!
WE THE GESSHI TRIBE WILL PROTECT YOU, LORD HIKI!!
THERE'S STILL SOMEONE YOU CAN DEPEND ON.

LORD HIKI, WHAT—
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY GAIN BY GETTING YOURSELF INVOLVED WITH ME—?
ACTUALLY
YOU'VE NO INTENTION OF EVER RETURNING AGAIN DO YOU?
!?
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!!
I'M NOT LIKE THE OTHERS WHO CAN SERVE YOU FOR SO LONG AND STILL BETRAY YOU!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S RIDICULOUS!!
AT THIS POINT IN TIME, DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO LEAVE ME HERE BY MYSELF!?
I MEAN...
STAY WITH ME A WHILE LONGER
W-...
WELL...
WOULDN'T IT BE ALRIGHT IF YOU DON'T DEPART IMMEDIATELY—!?

I'M THE ONLY ONE HE CAN DEPEND ON NOW
ONLY ME...!!
LORD HIKI'S BECOME APPREHENSIVE
WHICH ISN'T UNFOUNDED EVERYONE AROUND HIM HAS BETRAYED HIM...
DOWNPOUR...
BESIDES, IT'S RAINING OUTSIDE
STAY HERE UNTIL THE RAIN STOPS
WON'T YOU? RIKARA

I CAN NEVER REVEAL MY FEELINGS!
BESIDES, I'M JUST A TRIBESMAN FROM THE FRONTIER... ONE OF HIS MANY MINISTERS
I COULDN'T EVEN CONVERSE FREELY WITH HIM
TILL NOW...

AT THIS MOMENT, THERE'S ONLY LORD HIKI AND I.
I CAN FREELY GAZE UPON HIS SMILING FACE
AGAIN?
AGAIN?
BUT IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.
HEY, RIKARU!
IT'S YOUR TURN.
I'M RATHER HOPING THAT,
IF THIS WERE TO CONTINUE,
HE'D BECOME MINE EVENTUALLY
WHAT'RE YOU DAYDREAMING ABOUT, RIKARA?
HURRY UP AND MAKE YOUR NEXT MOVE.

THE RAIN HASN'T STOPPED
HOW NICE IT WOULD BE IF THIS WERE TO CONTINUE FOREVER
RIKARA LOOK AT THIS
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS MAGNIFICENT PEONY FLOWER...?
DON'T YOU FIND IT UNBELIEVABLE THAT AN OBJECT OF SUCH COLOR AND FRAGRANCE CAME FROM THIS WORLD?
YES.
I THINK IT'S VERY BEAUTIFUL
Hiccup
HE'S NOT SOMEONE UNATTAINABLE WHO CAN ONLY BE ADMIRED FROM AFAR, ANYMORE
EVEN SOMEONE LIKE YOU WOULD THINK THAT FLOWERS ARE "BEAUTIFUL"?
Smile
IF I STRETCH OUT MY HANDS, I CAN TOUCH HIM.

THE STRANGE THING IS, I DON'T FEEL HUNGRY OR TIRED AT ALL.
HOW PECULIAR...
IT'S SO DARK OUTSIDE THAT I CAN'T EVEN TELL IF IT'S DAYTIME OR NIGHTTIME...
DRIZZLE
BUT...
I WONDER HOW MANY DAYS HAVE ACTUALLY PASSED SINCE I CAME HERE...
...IS IT BORING STAYING BY MY SIDE?
IT ISN'T THAT...!
I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT MY MEN.
THEY'RE PROBABLY LOOKING FOR ME
IS ANYTHING WRONG, RIKARA?
AH?
AH... NO, IT'S NOTHING.

YOU'RE SO FORTUNATE.
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT YOU.
TOSS
IN THE CASTLE,
THE SOLDIERS OF GESSHI OFTEN AMUSE THEMSELVES BY PLAYING DICE AND BETTING BEHIND THE BARRACKS, DO THEY NOT?
EVERYONE SEEMED SO HAPPY... I WANTED TO TRY JOINING IN..
I'M ALWAYS RESTRICTED IN EVERYTHING THAT I DO BY THE ANNOYING PALACE GUARDS,
BE IT TRYING TO MAKE FRIENDS OR JUST FOOLING AROUND.
I WASN'T EVEN ALLOWED TO FALL IN LOVE FREELY.
I ENVIED ALL OF YOU..
LORD HIKI, YOU TOO,
CAN STILL LIVE HAPPILY FROM NOW ONWARDS.
EVERY-ONE KNOWS THE JOY OF LIVING

OH... THAT'S RIGHT! SHALL WE PLAY DICE NOW?
HUH?
I'LL TEACH YOU! WHAT SHALL WE BET ON?
WHY?
WHY DOES YOUR SMILE SEEM SO SAD?
...
THAT'S RIGHT...
THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE, AS LONG AS WE'RE STILL ALIVE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE IN TO ME ON PURPOSE!!
I'M HERE BY YOUR SIDE.
!
ROLL
YES!! I WON AGAIN!!
Aha ha ha!
THAT'S WHY WE SHOULDN'T GIVE UP JUST YET.
LOOK! TAKE OFF ANOTHER PIECE OF YOUR CLOTHING!!

ALL RIGHT!! I WON!!
AND BY THREE POINTS ...!!
...!!
AH!?
HMM!?
LOSS
LORD HIKI!! YOU HAVE TO TAKE OFF THREE PIECES OF CLOTHING FOR ME!!
STAND
DO- DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!! DO YOU INTEND TO STRIP ME NAKED!?
STOP THIS KIND OF GAME ALREADY!!
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD IF YOU DON'T PUT YOUR CLOTHES ON
DASH
AH!
WAIT!! THAT ISN'T FAIR!!

YOU'RE AN OBST-INATE MAN, RIKARA!
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
STAY AWAY!! I'M YOUR LORD!!
SUCH INSO-LENCE!
I TOOK OFF MY CLOTHES AS I WAS SUPPOSED TO, DIDN'T I?
YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR PROMISES TOO!!
YOU AREN'T MY LORD ANY-MORE!!
GRAB
THAT'S WHAT YOU, YOURSELF, SAID!!

WHY DO YOU STAY BY MY SIDE ...?
.....!
WELL, LET ME ASK YOU THEN.
SINCE IIM NOT YOUR LORD AND YOU ARN'T MY MINISTER ANYMORE,
WHAT EXACTLY AM I TO YOU NOW ...?
THAT'S ENOUGH
I CAN'T THINK CLEARLY ANYMORE ...!!

YOU'VE ALWAYS
LORD HIKI ...!!
THAT HAND WHICH I TOUCHED FOR THE FIRST TIME,
AND THAT BODY... WERE BOTH AS COLD AS ICE.
BEEN THE ONLY ONE IN MY EYES ...!!
ARE YOU SERIOUS RIKARA ...?
CAN YOU REALLY,
I DON'T MIND GIVING UP MY LIFE,
IF YOU'LL ACCEPT ME.. !!
GIVE YOUR LIFE UP FOR ME...?

PROMISE ME, RIKARA...
THAT YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE ME NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
AAH... AM I DREAM-ING?
EVEN IF YOU WERE TO LOSE YOUR LIFE,
I'M WILLING TO DIE.
YOUR SOUL WOULD STILL STAY BY MY SIDE
IF THIS IS A DREAM, I WOULDN'T MIND NOT WAKING UP EVER AGAIN
DROWNED IN THE MIDST OF THIS DREAM FOREVER.
LORD HIKI ...!!
Ha...
WOULD WANT ME SO...
ONLY A FOOL LIKE YOU,

WHEN THE CASTLE WAS UNDER ATTACK,
EVERYONE SHOVED ME ASIDE AND SCRAMBLED TO ESCAPE.
THERE WERE ALSO THOSE WHO TRIED TO STEAL THE TREASURES IN THE MIDST OF THE CHAOS ...
NOBODY CARED ABOUT ME.
ON THE CONTRARY, SOME EVEN WANTED TO HAND ME OVER TO THE ENEMY TO SAVE THEIR OWN LIVES.
I WAS THE ONLY ONE LEFT IN THE BURNING CASTLE.
AND OUTSIDE THERE WAS A LARGE ARMY WAITING ...
I WAS PREPARED TO DIE.

...LORD HIKI..
RIKARA
AND THEN,
YOU CAME TO MIND
ONLY YOU.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I HAVE LEFT...
EVER SINCE I WAS BORN INTO THIS WORLD, I'VE NEVER BEEN LOVED BY ANYONE
NOR KNOWN WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOVE...
THERE'S SIMPLY TOO MUCH LINGERING ATTACHMENT FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO GO TO THE OTHER WORLD BY MYSELF

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE EMBRACE,
MY BODY STILL SEEMS UNABLE TO WARM UP HIS COLD BODY
PULL
I SEE...
COME WITH ME, RIKARA ...!
AND..
I WASN'T ABLE TO DIE IN PEACE
I'M GLAD ...!
LORD HIKI'S ALREADY .
THIS IS AN ORDER.
STAY BY MY SIDE FOREVER.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ORDER ME.
I'D NEVER LEAVE LORD HIKI'S SIDE, NO MATTER WHERE I AM
THAT'S MY WISH.
I'LL ONLY LOVE YOU.
ALWAYS!
ALWAYS.
I HAVE NO REGRETS AT ALL.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT FORM IT TAKES. AS LONG AS I CAN BE BY YOUR SIDE
BE TOGETHER ...
I'LL BE SATISFIED ...!
RIKIRA ...!!
I'D NEVER MAKE YOU FEEL LONELY.
EVEN IF WE PASS ON TO THE OTHER WORLD WE'D ALWAYS BE TOGETHER

LORD HIKI...
GENERAL!!
GENERAL RIKARA!!
!!
STARTLED
!!
!!
ARE YOU FEELING OKAY, GENERAL?
YOU WERE WASHED DOWN THE RIVER, BUT THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF INJURIES AT ALL.
GENERAL RIKARA!! HANG IN THERE!!
AHH... YOU'VE FINALLY GAINED CONSCIOUS!

LORD HIKI ...!?
STARTLE
A MESSENGER CAME FROM THE CAPITAL WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS...
.....
.....!!
WAS IT ALL... JUST A DREAM ...?
EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED UP UNTIL NOW...
THE CITY HAS FALLEN AND THE CASTLE IS UP IN FLAMES
!
POKE
AND HE COMMITTED SUICIDE...
LORD HIKI WAS THE ONLY ONE LEFT ...

HAS HE LEFT...
ALL BY HIMSELF?
...LORD HIKI
PLEASE WAIT
SOMEDAY, I'LL COME TO YOUR SIDE
AND UNTIL THAT DAY COMES

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FROM THE ANCIENT CHINA
TO THE MODERN JAPAN

PRESENTED BY SHIN MIZUKAMI

Semi-Double
セミダブル
Bed de Kimi to
ベッドで君と

I REALLY HATE THE SMELL OF SWEAT BUT...
I WAS IN THE SOCCER CLUB FOR THREE YEARS IN HIGH SCHOOL.
SINCE THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH MEMBERS, I WAS ASKED...
clack
Soccer Club
AND THEN HALF-THREATENED...
I STRAIGHTENED UP MY LOCKER.
I'LL CHANGE QUICK AND GET OUT OF HERE
HEY, TOMO. YOU'RE STILL HERE?
CREAK
THE SOCCER CLUB'S DEMON CAPTAIN, KAMISAKA TOSHINOBU.
BY THIS MAN.

I WANT TO FOLLOW MY FEELINGS
THAT'S WHY, TODAY
GRADUATION'S IN A FEW MONTHS
AND THIS IS THE LAST DAY OF CLUB MEETINGS FOR SENIORS
NO WAY...
THE CAPTAIN'S REALLY WAITING...
広田友弘
OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, BEFORE I EVEN NOTICED IT...
I'D FALLEN HOPELESSLY IN LOVE WITH HIM
BUT HOW DO I START UP A CONVERSATION?
SLIP
MAYBE DO IT SUDDENLY, AND STARTLE HIM

?!
THUD
HEY, TOMO.
shock
EH?!
I ASKED OUR TEACHER, BUT...
WH—
smile
IS IT TRUE THAT AFTER YOU GRADUATE YOU'RE GOING TO WORK IN THE SAME COMPANY AS ME?
WHAT IS IT, CAPTAIN?

BLUSH
WELL...
THAT'S BECAUSE... UM...
...!
HEH
IF I COULD GET INTO THE SAME COMPANY AS YOU...
I SAID THAT I WASN'T SURE...
...!
WHAT I MEAN IS...
AFTER I GRADUATE I'D LIKE TO STAY WITH YOU...
Really
THUNK
AND THAT'S WHY.

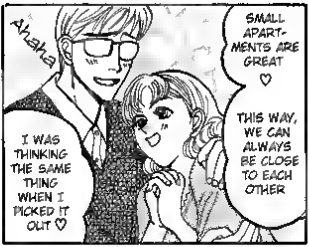
AFTER WE GRADUATED,
WE DECIDED TO LIVE TOGETHER.
UGH,
WHAT A RUN-DOWN PLACE!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET YOU PICK OUR APARTMENT!
WELL REALLY
A SMALL PLACE IS FINE, SINCE WE CAN BE CLOSE TO EACH OTHER.
FROM TODAY ON
JUST THE CAPTAIN AND I WILL BE LIVING HERE
JUST ONE ROOM? ISN'T THIS KINDA SMALL FOR THE TWO OF US?
IT'S THE BEST I COULD DO ON OUR BUDGET!

CLATTER
WHAT A GREAT VIEW!
CAPTAIN, LOOK!
JOSH
HEY, GIVE ME A HAND!
OH, THERE'S A VERANDA!
IT'S HOPELESS.
GEEZ
I FEEL LIKE I COULD STAY OUT HERE FOREVER!
NOPE!
OH?
YOU AREN'T GOING TO SAY IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL?
WELL... I GUESS SO
YEAH...

SINCE I DON'T MAKE MUCH STARTING OUT, THIS ONE-ROOM APARTMENT IS ALL I COULD AFFORD
I'M SORRY, SACHIKO
OH, THAT'S FINE, DARIN ♡

SACHIKO, SO LONG AS YOU RE WITH ME, ANYTHING I LOOK AT IS MORE WONDERFUL THAN JAPAN'S FAMOUS SIGHTS ♡
OH, DARIN ♡
BUT I CAN ONLY LOOK AT YOU!

GLARE
WHAT'S WITH THEM!
I PICKED THIS PLACE BECAUSE IT WAS CLOSE TO WORK!
I KNOW! BIG APARTMENTS ARE BETTER, ANYWAY!


Ahaha
SMALL APART-MENTS ARE GREAT ♡
THIS WAY, WE CAN ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO EACH OTHER
I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING WHEN I PICKED IT OUT ♡

REALLY? OH, DARIN ♡ ♡

AREN'T WE EACH PAYING HALF?
That's what I thought
DON'T BE A FOOLISH! I'VE GOT ENOUGH TO PAY IT ALL
I HAD NO CHOICE
THIS ONE ROOM PRETTY MUCH TAKES UP MY STARTING SALARY!
DON'T BE SO SELFISH!
EH!?
WELL, I GUESS I'LL PUT UP WITH THIS CRAPPY APARTMENT...
SINCE THE RENT CAN'T BE BEAT!
Hah
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY!?
Eh
IN EXCHANGE, YOU'RE GOING TO CLEAN AND WASH STUFF!
THEN YOU'RE COOKING AND CLEANING THE TOILET!
SAYS WHO?!
DING DONG♪

PLOP!
DELIVERY FROM THE O-K DEPARTMENT STORE!
UM. PLEASE SIGN HERE...
YOUR EXTRA LARGE DOUBLE BED...
OR DO I HAVE THE WRONG PLACE?
HEY, I NEVER ORDERED THAT!
ME NEITHER!
OH, AIDA IN 201, THAT'S NEXT DOOR.
ehehe
SORRY, LOOKS LIKE WE MESSED UP.
HUFF
OBVIOUSLY! NOW GET IT OUT OF HERE!
UHM, THIS OTHER ONE'S YOURS...

A SEMI-DOUBLE BED...
THAT'S WHAT YOU GOT.
A SINGLE WOULD'VE BEEN TOO SMALL
I WONDER WHAT THOSE DELIVERY GUYS THOUGHT
WE COULDN'T FIT TWO SINGLES IN THIS ROOM!
I BET THEY THOUGHT WE WERE HOMOS.
WHATEVER. IT'S NOT LIKE WE'LL EVER SEE THEM AGAIN!
OR DO YOU WANT TO SLEEP ON THE VERANDA?!
HEY,
COME HERE
COME ON!
pat pat

BUT...
ER...
UM,
I...
COME HERE.
ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND WHEN YOU DECIDED TO LIVE WITH ME?
creak
RUSTLE
!!
THIS IS TOO SUDDEN,
IT'S TOO WEIRD..
I... I'M NOT READY YET...
W— WAIT!

TOMO...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED THIS
I MADE YOU JOIN THE SOCCER CLUB...
Why me?!
We don't have enough people!
Just join
SO THAT I COULD ALWAYS LOOK AT YOU
AH...
I...
I... LOVE YOU TOO...
.....!

RUSTLE
GET READY!
HEY...
HEY NOW, CAP-TAIN~~~!
Give up!
OKAY
YOU SAID THE SAME THING WHEN YOU MADE ME ENTER THE CLUB.
YEAH,
SO I COULD GET TO ENTER YOU!
THAT WAS MY GOAL.
....!!
IF NOT TODAY, TOMOR-ROW...
IF NOT TOMORROW, THEN THE NEXT DAY
YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FOREVER, SO GIVE UP

TOMO
CREAK
AH...! CAPTAIN ...
lick
AH!
HAA...
AHH...
shudder
I HEARD SOMEONE ...!
WAIT...!
DON'T WORRY, IT'S THE COUPLE NEXT DOOR
.....!!
!!
DING DONG
JUMP

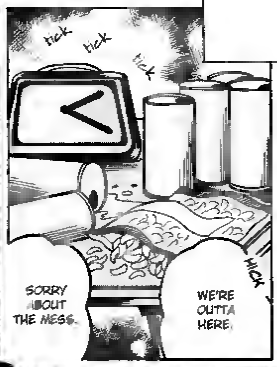
HEY CAPTAIN, TOMO!
THE OLD SOCCER CLUB'S HERE FOR A HOUSE-WARMING PARTY!
WH ——
scramble
CONGR
sfx hurst

HEY, I DIDN'T CALL YOU GUYS OVER!
SNAP
That's right!
COME BACK LATER! WE HAVEN'T EVEN FINISHED UNPACKING YET!
YOU'D MAKE US LEAVE? THAT'S COLD.

Chatter Chatter
Thick Glasses
EH, SO YOU'RE LIVING HERE? TWO GUYS—
WE BROUGHT BEER AND SOME SNACKS!
WHERE ARE THE CUPS?!

IT'S NOT LIKE OUR TEACHERS OR COACH ARE GONNA GET MAD, SO DRINK UP!
WAHAHA
R... RIGHT...
THIS IS LIKE TRAINING CAMP!
IDIOTS
OF COURSE NOT!!
OR... ARE WE INTERRUPTING SOMETHING?
Yeah!
Alright!
CHEERS!!
GLUG
C'MON, LET'S DRINK THE NIGHT AWAY!
YEAH!
BUT IT'S SO WEIRD!
WHY WOULD YOU LIVE WITH OUR DEMON CAPTAIN AFTER YOU GRADUATED!
W... WELL...
.....!!
T... TOMO
SPLAT
I BET HE'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY TO PUT YOU TO WORK!
A HA HA HA HA
LOOK AT THEM!
...!!

LET'S DO THIS AGAIN, CAPTAIN
Hold on there!
Uphm
TELL TOMO THANKS!


tick tick tick
SORRY ABOUT THE MESS.
WE'RE OUTTA HERE.
HICK

STRETCHED
HEY!
DID I GET THE DOUBLE BED SO YOU COULD TAKE UP THE ENTIRE THING BY YOURSELF?!
THAT'S HOW OUR FIRST NIGHT WENT...

ZZZZZZZ

THE NEXT DAY
JOLT
HEY, TOMO!
WAKE UP!
UGH, MY HEAD HURTS I DRANK TOO MUCH...
CRAP, IT'S OUR FIRST DAY TOO...
SIT
HURRY UP AND GET READY!
We're running late.
OH, I TOOK UP THE WHOLE BED
SO THE CAPTAIN
JOLT
AH, UM...
CAPTAIN

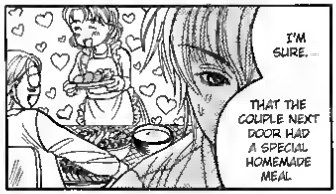
Whoa... He looks amaz-ing!
HE LOOKS SO GOOD IN A SUIT!
Wahhh
AND I EVEN LET YOU KEEP THE BED ALL TO YOURSELF...
SO MATURE!
I'M SORRY CAPTAIN.
BUT... WE CAN COME HOME EARLY TONIGHT,
Wahhh
AND BOTH USE THE BED...?
CAPTAIN♡
YOU'RE ACTING DRUNK!
DRINK SOME COFFEE!

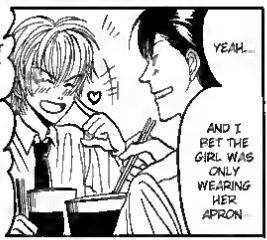
HEY, TOSHINOBU, TOMO, WE'VE BEEN WAITING!!
THE FORMER SOCCER CLUB MEMBERS, OUR SUPERIORS AT WORK, WERE WAITING FOR US...
COME ON IN, LET'S HAVE SOME MORE FUN!
AND THEN CAME THE CRITICAL FIRST DAY AT WORK...
We're five minutes late!
C'mon, Tomo, run!
I WANNA GO HOME
Tick
Tock
Tick
FUMG
FUMG
FUMG
DAMMIT, I WAS PLANNING ON DOING XXX WITH TOMO TONIGHT!
AHAHAHA
ALRIGHT, TONIGHT LET'S HAVE A PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE NEW GUYS!
OF COURSE
HEY, TOSHINOBU, TOMO, DRINK UP!
WE'VE GOT TEN MORE ROUNDS TO GO!

I'D THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE LESS DEMANDING...
WE'RE GOING TO GET HOME TWO HOURS LATE...
IT SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE LIKE THAT
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT...!
Yeah
Whew...
hick
YEAH, SEEYA AT WORK TOMORROW!
THANKS FOR TREATING US
SHOULD WE GRAB DINNER ON THE WAY...?
A ROOM FULL OF LAST NIGHT'S TRASH.
THIS IS OUR "LOVE NEST"
Ehehehe
YEAH...
WE'VE REALLY GOT TO CLEAN UP A BIT BEFORE WE CRASH...
CREAK
Collapse
Ishiiiii
TOTAL MESS
THIS IS... THE REALITY OF IT...

RUSTLE
THAT'S ENOUGH!
WE'LL DO THE REST TOMORROW, TOMO!
EH?
Garbage
SILENT
THE MOOD ISN'T TOTALLY RUINED...
AND I'M CLEANING UP GARBAGE
AND WE HARDLY HAVE ANY TIME FOR JUST THE TWO OF US.
OUR FIRST MEAL LIVING TOGETHER IS INSTANT RAMEN
IT'S SO BLAND...
rustle
OH, I'LL HEAT UP SOME WATER
I'M HUNGRY! LET'S EAT THE RAMEN WE GRABBED AT THE STORE.
GLUG
GLUG
WHAT'S WRONG TOMO?
HMPH...

SLURP


I'M SURE...
THAT THE COUPLE NEXT DOOR HAD A SPECIAL HOMEMADE MEAL


YEAH...
AND I BET THE GIRL WAS ONLY WEARING HER APRON
NO DOUBT SHE WENT "I'M DES-SERT!" ♡
OR SOME-THING!

SAY AHHH FOR ME...
MY LOVE

HEY, TOMO
WHAT'S WITH THE MOOD
HERE,
HAVE SOME PORK

CHOMP
AHHHH...
A...
GOOD?
SMILE
SAY AH!
WANT SOME VEGGIES?
AH...
IF WE EAT TOGETHER,
INSTANT RAMEN TASTES BETTER THEN DINNER FROM A 3 STAR RESTAURANT
I'VE NEVER EATEN DINNER LIKE THIS BEFORE...
BUT IT'S DEFINITELY DELICIOUS.
YEAH
I'M HAPPY
FOR SOME REASON...

DIDN'T YOU SAY WHEN WE GOT HOME TODAY WE'D DO XXX!?
YOU'RE SUCH A LIAR!
I didn't say XXX!
O— OKAY, OKAY!
EH!? NOW!?
AND WE'VE GOT WORK TOMORROW, RIGHT?!
DIDN'T WE GET HOME LATE!?
IS THERE ANY DESSERT TONIGHT?
BY ANY CHANCE...
HEY
TOMO ...!!
RATTLE
AH...!
WAIT, CAPTAIN, YOU SHOWER FIRST AND THEN..
SO...
WANT TO ♡♡♡ ALL NIGHT?

I'VE DECIDED NOT TO THINK ABOUT...
ALL THE WORK I HAVE TO DO TOMORROW.
SPLISH
HEY, STOP
THAT'S EMBARRASSING
IT'S FINE. WE'RE NEWLY-WEDS, YOU KNOW
Foam
I'LL WASH YOU
AH!
I'M FINE WITH IT NOW
LETTING HIM DO THIS TO ME...
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE STILL IN THE SHOWER!

CREAK
RIGHT NOW
CREAK
AH...
AH!
RIGHT NOW, I DON'T EVEN NOTICE THEM.
AND I'LL MAKE SURE
TO TAKE CARE OF THE GARBAGE TOO
I'LL CLEAN UP THE WATER MESS TOMORROW
AH!
WHILE I'M ON TOP OF THIS BED...
CAPTAIN...
TO...
TOSHINOBU!!
DON'T CALL ME CAPTAIN ANYMORE
CALL OUT MY NAME!

NN!
KISS
KISS
HH...!
HUFF
MM...
HERE...
SPREAD YOUR LEGS MORE.
AND DON'T HIDE YOUR FACE!
FORGET IT,
THERE'S NO WAY ...!
I CAN'T ...!!
GRAB
.....!!

slide
TO-
TOSHI-
NOBU!
AH!
INSERT
AH!
AH...!
HAA...!
AHHH!
AH!
N-
STOP
...

I'M PUTTING IT IN,
TOMO ...
TELL ME IF IT HURTS.
I DON'T WANT TO FORCE YOU.
L... LIAR...
THRUST
Ah!
Ah!
Ah
!!
THERE WAS SOME PAIN —
MIXED IN BUT I WAS SO HAPPY

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D FELT THIS WAY
AND ALSO...
TOMO...
I LOVE YOU
THE FIRST TIME HE SAID THOSE WORDS...
CAPT TOSHINOBU. ♡
I WANTED TO GIVE IT TO YOU NOW...
BUT IT'S SOMEWHERE IN THAT MOUNTAIN OF GARBAGE
EH? WHAT?
total mess

OH!
I FOUND IT!
WAS A SET OF RINGS
THE TREASURE
IT HAD TURNED INTO A TREASURE HUNT.
WE WERE SLEEPY AND WORN OUT, BUT...
Garage
CLATTER
TINK
WE HAD TO BE AT WORK IN THREE HOURS,
BUT THAT'S WHEN WE REALLY STARTED CLEANING

THE NEXT MORNING...
I WAS SUFFERING FROM LACK OF SLEEP
NO WAY, THE SUN'S ALREADY UP!
I'M GONNA DIE IF I HAVE TO GO TO WORK NOW!

DID WE FORGET ANY-THING?
RUSTLE
WELL JUST ONE THING...
HEY, GIVE ME THAT LAST BAG.
I'LL TAKE IT FOR YOU
RUSTLE
THANKS CAPT. TOSHI-NORI
A KISS TO START THE DAY ♡
HAVE A GOOD DAY, DARIN ♡
MUAH
I'M GONNA DIE FROM LACK OF SLEEP. SACHIKO
Semi-Double Bed de Kimi to/ End

STORM IN HEAVEN

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KO
タッチアウト!
TAG OUT!

I'M TAMAKI YUUJI, AND MY FRIENDS CALL ME TAMA
I'M THE CAPTAIN OF THE BASEBALL CLUB, AND THE FOURTH ONE AT THE BAT THAT'S BECAUSE I'M THE.
Wo
Iwack
It's going!
Whoaaaa!
Homerun batter!
Yay!

Thwack
Ah!!
CRAP! THAT'S THE PRINCIPLE'S WINDOW...!
I COULDN'T, MIYAGAWA...
ACCEPTING SUCH A LARGE DONATION FROM YOU AGAIN WOULD JUST BE...
BUT THIS IS BENEFICIAL TO ME AS WELL
A DONATION TO THE SCHOOL COUNTS AS A TAX WRITE-OFF.

thnk
!!
!!
SHATTER
MI-
MIYAGAWA, ARE YOU OKAY!?
.....
.....!
CR-SH
CLACK CLACK CLACK

TA... TA-MA-KI ...!!
THIS IS YOUR DOING...!
slam
MY BALL CRASHED THROUGH YOUR...!!
I'M SORRY, PRINCIPAL!!
YOU INJURED MY IMPORTANT GUEST!!
I'M CLOSING THE BASE-BALL CLUB!! AND YOU'RE EXPELLED!!
huh
ARE... ARE YOU OKAY!?

NO, I'M FINE. I WASN'T HURT.
I WAS JUST A LITTLE STARTLED.
ALTHOUGH... WOULD YOU MIND FINDING MY GLASSES?

I'M FINE, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO DO ANYTHING HARSH, PRINCIPAL.
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME.
THE SMELL OF HIS COLOGNE...
THEY'RE BROKEN...
AH...
REALLY... WELL, AFTER THAT FALL.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

THE SCENT MADE ME LIGHT-HEADED
PHEW, AT LEAST
YOU WEREN'T EXPEL-LED, TAMA
YEAH, BUT SINCE I DIDN'T APOLO-GIZE TO HIM BACK THEN...
THE ADDRESS LISTED SHOULD BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.
MAN, WHAT AN AMAZING GUY.
MIYAGAWA SHINOBU'S THE MOST SUCCESS-FUL ALUMNI OF OUR SCHOOL.
AS YOUNG AS HE IS, HE'S IN CHARGE OF A HUGE COMPANY,
AND HE'S LISTED AS OUR SCHOOL'S SPONSOR.
YOU'VE GOT TO COME WITH ME!
KURO, MIKE!
Sure are
OH, HERE IT IS.
We're teammates aren't we?!!

Whoa~!
TAMA, HURRY AND PRESS THE INTER-COM.
YOU PRESS IT, MIKE!
OH, THERE'S A POSTER.
WANTED
A few healthy young men Taking applica tions inside
TEL ( )
"A FEW HEALTHY YOUNG MEN..."
"TAKING APPLI-CATIONS INSIDE."
LOOM
LET'S COME BACK LATER IN SUITS.
WE SHOULD'VE BROUGHT A GIFT OR SOMETHING...

AND JUST LIKE THAT...
I'M SURE I'LL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE JOB.
I'LL WORK HARD, SO PLEASE LET ME TRY!
WHY US TOO?
IT'S JUST A WEEK! CAN'T YOU STICK WITH ME!?
MR. SHINOBU HAS RETURNED.
ALL SERVANTS MUST LINE UP AT THE ENTRY HALL AND GREET HIM
OKAY!
VERY WELL, BUT BE RESPECTFUL,
AND DON'T DISTURB MR. SHINOBU.
Let's go!!
Team Players

YES. AOKI SENMU WISHES TO FURTHER DISCUSS YOUR BUSINESS.
ALSO, CONCERNING THE JOINT VENTURE WITH JOUNOUCHI ...
ANY MES-SAGES?
WELCOME B,CK, MR. SHINOBU.
Walk
THE SCENT OF THAT COLOGNE
YEAH
HEY, TAMA GO FOR IT!
APOLOGIZE FOR THE GLASSES!
push
AH,
EXCUSE ME ..!!

WOW I JUST KNEW HE'D LOOK AMAZING UP CLOSE...
AND THE SCENT OF HIS COLOGNE ♡
kadump
kadump
kadump
kadump
FROM TODAY ON, I'LL, UM, HERE...
ER... I..
TAMA, WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
SIR... HE'S A NEW EMPLOYEE
A cat will catch up
UM...
HIROSE
WHO'S THIS KID?
IT LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T REMEMBER ME, BUT,
THAT DOESN'T MATTER

AS AN APOLOGY, I'LL WORK MY HARDEST!
BUT...
SWISH SWISH
ALL HE DOES IS WORK.
I'D LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING WITH SENMU.
YES, PLEASE.
HIS FOREHEAD IS ALWAYS CREASED IN THOUGHT.
CRINKLE CRINKLE
AND HE'S HARD TO PLEASE
HOWEVER.
TAP-
DONK
Ha-
DID... YOU JUST LAUGH?
N-NO! I DIDN'T LAUGH!
ON TOP OF HAVING NO MOTOR SKILLS, IS YOUR HEARING BAD TOO?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
loom
AH, I'M SORRY!
S-SINCE YOUR AIM'S TERRIBLE...
I-I'M SORRY ABOUT BACK THEN!
I'LL WORK MY HARDEST TO MAKE UP FOR IT!
YOUR FACE RINGS A BELL
FROM THE SCHOOL
I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT I'M TOO FRANK AND SAY THINGS I SHOULDN'T,
clench
BUT I KNOW WHAT I'M GOOD AT
SINCE I'M SO RUDE,
I'LL HAVE TO PAY YOU BACK WITH MY BODY..!
WH——!
HUH? WHY'D SHINOBU START BLUSHING...?

I REALLY WANT TO SEE.
ALL HIS EMOTIONS
I'LL TRY MY HARDEST TO SEE THEM
I'D ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS A COMPOSED GUY
?
BUT HE HAS EMOTIONS LIKE THIS HIDDEN BENEATH HIS CALM FACE
YOU SHOULDN'T ... SAY SUCH THINGS. .
IN FRONT OF OTHER MEN.
Thanks
I'LL TAKE THIS
IT'S WONDERFUL
WHOA MIKE!
TOO STRONG
YOU TOO
MY PARENTS EXPERIMENT IN THE KITCHEN A LOT.
I learned from watching them

CAN YOU SHOW ME HOW TO MAKE COFFEE?
IS IT REALLY THAT HARD?
I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE SURE EVERY-THING'S PERFECT.
I CAN'T DO ANY-THING SPECIAL LIKE THAT.
I CAN ONLY WORK MY HARDEST.
HUH.
I'LL PUT MY HEART INTO IT.
MM, IT'S GOOD.
TAMAKI MADE THE COFFEE TODAY.
YOUR COFFEE IS ALWAYS WONDERFUL, HIROSE.
YES!
SINCE I WANT TO MAKE YOU HAPPY.

swish
TAMA'S REALLY WORKING HARD
HIS DILIGENCE IS WHAT MAKES HIM STANDS OUT.
S-
SURE.
JUST THOSE WORDS ARE PAYMENT ENOUGH...
HEY,
THANKS FOR THE COFFEE!

*= ceramics brand.

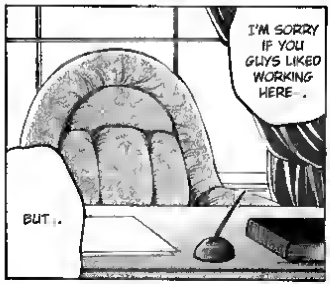
blush...
IT FEELS LIKE MY BLOOD'S ON FIRE
WHEN SHINOBU LOOKS AT ME,
MY OLD COACH SAID I WOULDN'T MAKE A GOOD PITCHER
deep red
OH NO I'M BEING TOO OBVIOUS
CAN'T HIDE MY FEELINGS...
SINCE I
deep
MY FEELINGS
WHAT SHOULD I DO..?
IF SHINOBU FINDS OUT THAT I FEEL LIKE THIS

THERE'S US TOO,
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THEM...
BUT HE JUST CALLS FOR TAMA.
DAY BY DAY MY FEELINGS GROW...
TA-MA-KI!
TA-MA-KI!
YES!
REPLACE THESE FLOWERS!
THE MORE I LIKE SHINOBU...
OH, YOU'VE GOT A PETAL ON YOU.
THE MORE IT HURTS, THE MORE I WANT TO CRY..
IT HURTS TO BE AROUND HIM NOW
I HAVE TO HURRY AND GET AWAY..
A LOVE LIKE THIS CAN NEVER COME TRUE...

WITH THIS JOB AFTER SCHOOL, WE CAN'T GO TO BASEBALL PRACTICE.
THERE'S NO TIME...
FOR A PART-TIME JOB! I'M SORRY FOR HOW SUDDEN THIS IS...!

EH!? YOU WANT TO QUIT TODAY...?
THIS IS SO SUDDEN...
WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS, TAMAKI?

I-I'M SORRY...
FOR DOING THIS WITHOUT ASKING YOU TWO FIRST...


I'M SORRY IF YOU GUYS LIKED WORKING HERE.
BUT...

TAMA
I NEED...
TO CALL MR. SHINOBU ABOUT THIS!

IT HURTS ME TO BE NEAR SHINOBU
I'M JUST A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, AND A BOY...
TAMAKI
IF I WERE A GIRL...
TAMA
BUT, WELL, WE'VE WORKED HARD ENOUGH...
AH...
Now we can buy the Zooda cleats we've been wanting!
ZOODA CLEATS
¥86 000-
That's right! If we wear these, there's no way we can be defeated...!
AHAHAHA
Ahahah...
C'MON, TAMA!
GO FOR THAT DARING HEADFIRST SLIDE!

DON'T GIVE UP AT THE END OF THE 9TH INNING
YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY GETTING TAGGED OUT AT THE END?
WELL, THEN, FOR AN OUTLINE OF THE NEW PRODUCT...
SHINOBU

Uehe
clack
I'M NOT ACTING LIKE MYSELF
EXCUSE ME!
PRESIDENT THERE'S A CALL FROM YOUR HOUSE!
gasp
PRESIDENT,
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
AH, NO, IT'S NOTHING!
clank
HMPH,
THIS COFFEE IS HORRIBLE!!
SOMETHING REALLY IS WRONG
Is it noticed!?

SLAM
SCREECH
HIROSE, WHERE'S TAMAKI!?
UM... RIGHT NOW HE'S GETTING READY TO GO HOME.
SLAM
I WANT TO SPEAK WITH TAMAKI ALONE!
EVERYONE ELSE GO OUTSIDE!
SHI-
SHINOBU!!

WELL, WE'LL SEE YOU LATER. .
Click
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!?
AREN'T YOU WORKING TO APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT HAPPENED BACK THEN!?
IF YOU HAVE TO QUIT, THEN QUIT,
BUT NOT WITHOUT WARNING ...!
I SHOULD'VE WORKED ENOUGH BY NOW TO REPAY YOU FOR THE GLASSES.
WHY WOULD I...
WANT TO WORK HERE ANY MORE?
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THESE DAYS ARE SO IRRESPONSIBLE..
IF YOU WERE ONLY GOING TO SEE THIS HALFWAY THROUGH, YOU NEVER SHOULD HAVE STARTED IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, TAMAKI
...

AND...
YOU EVEN WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE GOOD COFFEE...
.....!!
WHEN I WAS TIRED AND UPSET OVER WORK,
ALL I HAD TO DO WAS LOOK AT YOUR SMILING FACE TO RELAX
SO PLEASE THINK THIS OVER. .
STOP IT!
DON'T SAY ANY MORE!
DON'T GIVE ME ANY STRANGE HOPES !
GOOD BYE!!
TAMAKI!
WAIT!
SFX: THUNK

I DON'T WANT TO RESORT TO THIS.
BUT IF IT WILL KEEP YOU HERE...
SHIVER
HH-WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
SHINOBU!?
LIWAH...
HEY...!
AH!
TAMAKI!
NO-
DON'T...!

click
undo
THE SCENT OF HIS COLOGNE
AH.
ARE YOU SURE?
TAMAKI...
shudder
YOUR BODY'S BEING HONEST, TAMAKI...
rub
rub
Aha..
Ah!
Rub
SHI-SHINOBU.
AHHH!

thrust
AHHHH!!
YOU'RE SO CUTE
GUY OR NOT,
AH...! I'M A... GUY...
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
IT'S AGAINST THE RULES TO MAKE ME LOVE YOU LIKE THIS,
AND THEN JUST LEAVE!
Ahh... Ahhh!
TAMAKI!
STAY WITH ME

I...
WANT TO BE WITH YOU TOO
I'VE LIKED YOU...
SINCE THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU!
I LOVE YOU...!

TAMAKI
SHALL WE START OVER.
IN MY BEDROOM..?
AND AFTERWARDS... I WAS ENGULFED IN THE DAZZLING WORLD OF ADULTS...

IT
BY SHINOBU'S CARESSES
AND THE SCENT OF HIS COLOGNE
Ah! Ah...!
HAA... HAA! SHI... SHINOBU...
HAA...!
SH... SHINOBU...!
...MADE ME SO HAPPY
NO MORE...!

WITH THINGS LIKE THIS, I CAN'T PAY YOU FOR WORKING HERE.
THIS IS SOMETHING NEW FROM MY COMPANY. SO
dazed
You're awake, Tamaki?
LIKE MY HEART AND BODY WERE ENCHANTED
IF YOU LIKE THEM,
WILL YOU BE MY LOVER FROM NOW ON?
JUST LIKE CINDERELLA'S SLIPPERS...
ZOOOA CLEATS...

あとがき

皆様こんにちは 水上シンです。
そしてこの本をお手に取って下さった方たちに厚く御礼申し上げます。今回もこうして無事にコミックスを出していただける事になり、応援して下さった皆様や担当様、制作の方々にも感謝しております。さて、今回の「利火尊」ですが、ページ的にも時間的にも描きおろしが出来ませんでした。夏コミで一部の方々に配ったペーパーで「描きおろしします」と書いてしまって、それを期待して買って下さった方には本当に申し訳のない事にすみません♪そのかわりと言っては何ですが、続編は必ず同人誌等で描かせていただきますので、どうぞお楽しみに♡

▶右のイラストは大人になった聖天と利火尊の2人です。いつかは聖天も振れる大人の男になってほしいものです。実を言うと「年下攻め」のカップルは初のころみだったので、描いていて結構楽しかったです。あと、浅黒い肌の身体って色っぽいと昔から思っていました♡トーンを貼るのがめんどうなので描くのは大変なんですが（笑）。エキゾチックで、筋肉の陰影がはっきり出る分、白い肌よりそそられるんではないかと。多分に個人的な好みですが。女優さんのハル・ベリーなんかはパーフェクトな例ですよね♡ スタイルも綺いし本当に美しい！ あと外ドラの「ER」でジェニー役をやってる方も、（あの人はハーフなのかな？）きれいですよね。とか好きな事書いてますが、あと書きになってませんよねこれ。すみません～。

映画

もうかなり昔の映画ですがジョイ・ウオン主演の「青蛇転生」というのを観て、その映像の美しさにはまりました。特に蛇の化身の東洋美人と(裸体！)インドの歌姫がからみあって踊るシーンは、すごく官能的で妖しくて心奪われます。蛇の精の化身である美女に誘惑されるまじめな堅ブツの学問所の先生も、わかりやすい男性像で(笑)なかなか愛せるキャラクターです。主演の女優さん2人はもともと美しい女性ですが彼女達の美しさが最大限に引き出されてる映画だと思っています。ストーリィ的には所々つっこみたい所があるのですがそれもご愛嬌のステキな映画です♡

三国志城

山口県に「三国志城」という所があるのですが先日友人と行ってきました。友人もゲーム系のまんが家で中学の時「三国志」にハマった同志なのでメ切りをがんばって合わせ、寝不足気味でフラフラしながらも館内を心トキメかせながら回りました。そして「孔明チャンメン」「赤壁ラーメン」を食べているとにこにこしながらエンピツと紙を持って近づいて来る食堂の女性の方が。ここでは来館者の人が"記念のお絵描き"をするという習慣(?)があるらしく…。でも、思いがけず大好きな同人作家様のイラストを発見したりと、楽しい一日でした。館長さんもスタッフの方もすごく感じが良くて、三国志ファンの方にはおススメのスポットです。

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